

III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



SUSTAINMENT BRIEF





PURPOSE OF THE BRIEF

**To explain III MEFs warfighting skills
training requirements to maintain
combat readiness.**

The term for this is

“SUSTAINMENT TRAINING”



DEFINITION

- **SUSTAINMENT TRAINING**
 - **Designed to maintain individual proficiency**
 - **Considered refresher training**
 - **Majority conducted at the unit level**
 - **DOD and USMC mandated**



TRAINING

- UDP units arrive fully trained
- No initial training or accession training is done on Okinawa
- Training accomplished here is Sustainment Training and Follow-on Training



UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- To reduce the number of unaccompanied tours
- Improve unit continuity
- 6 months WESTPAC deployment
- Infantry battalions, aircraft squadrons/detachments, amphibian vehicle companies, and direct support artillery batteries

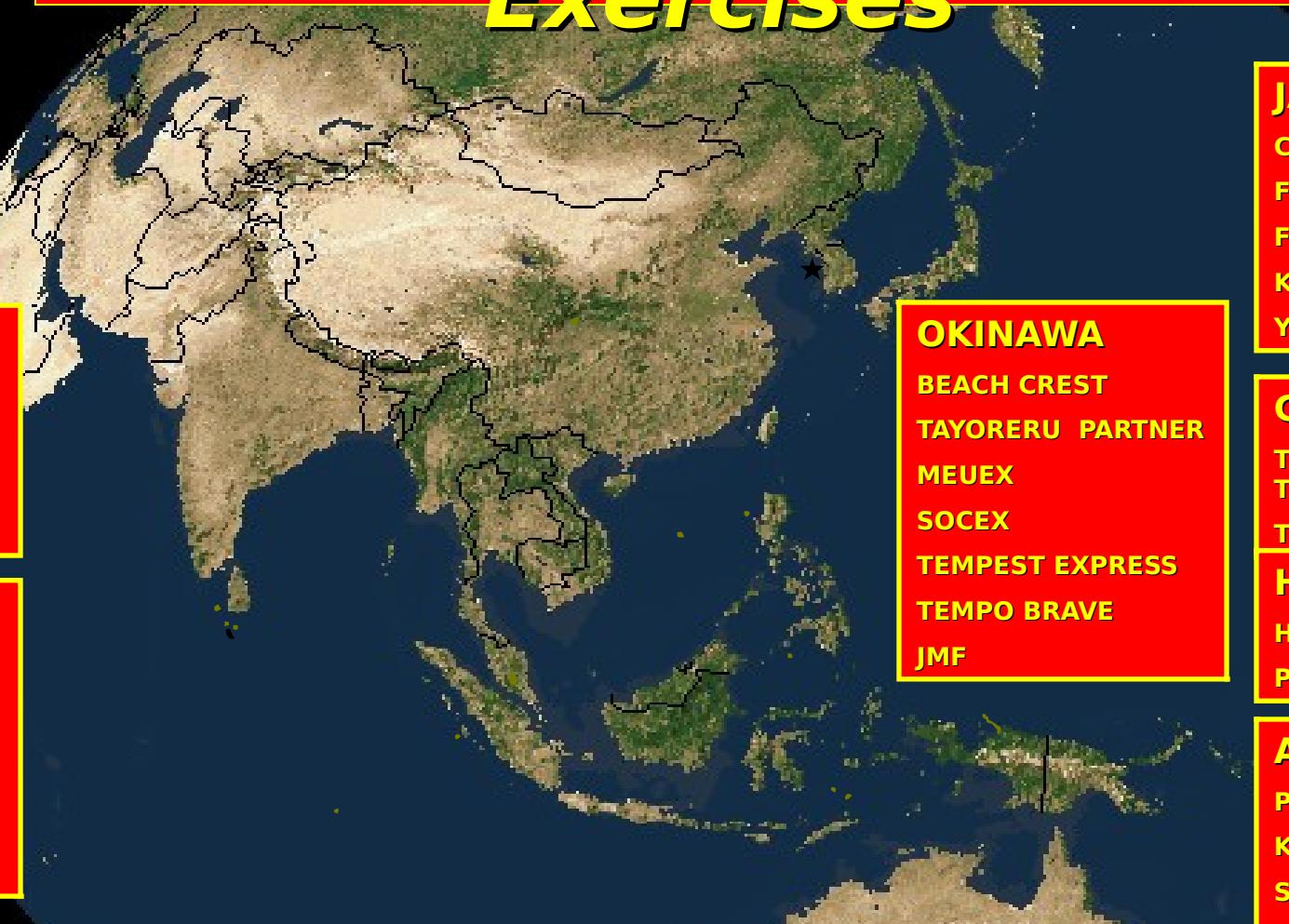


UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM

- **Extensive Pre-Deployment training program.**
- **Unit personnel levels are stabilized prior to deployment reducing turnover.**
- **Once arriving on Okinawa units are prepared to take on any mission without further training.**
- **No other service has such a program**



Regional Events & Exercises



RUSSIA
COOPERATION
FROM THE
SEA

KOREA

ULCHI FOCUS
LENS
VALIANT BLITZ
KITP
FREEDOM
BANNER
FOAL EAGLE

THAILAND

COBRA GOLD
TITP TRAINING
CARAT*
COPE TIGER
FREEOM
BANNER

SINGAPORE

VALIANT MARK
CARAT*
* Cooperation and
Readiness Afloat Training

INDONESIA
MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT
ENGINEERING/ROAD WORK

MALAYSIA
PENYU TRIDENT
CARAT*

PHILIPPINE
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BALIKATAN
CARAT*

JAPAN
COPE NORTH
FOREST LIGHT
FUJI TRAINING
KEEN EDGE
YAMA SAKURA

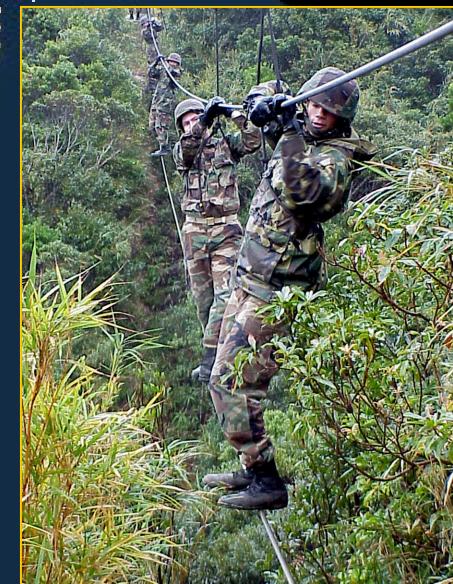
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TANDEM
THRUST
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HAWAII
HCAO
PTA

AUSTRALIA
PITCH BLACK
KANGAROO
SANDGROPER
KINGFISHER
SOUTHERN
FRONTIER
TANDEM
THRUST
FREEDOM
BANNER



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**ARTY-RELO
KEEN EDGE
FOREST LIGHT**



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TANDEM THRUST
CROCODILE
SOUTHERN
FRONTIER





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**COBRA GOLD
COPE TIGER**



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New Training Opportunities



**BALIKATAN
4TH MARINES
“ARTILLERY”**





New Training Opportunities



**KITP
“ARTILLERY”**





Theater Security Cooperation

TAYORERU PARTNER
IE SHIMA



KOREAN
INCREMENTAL
TRAINING
PROGRAM

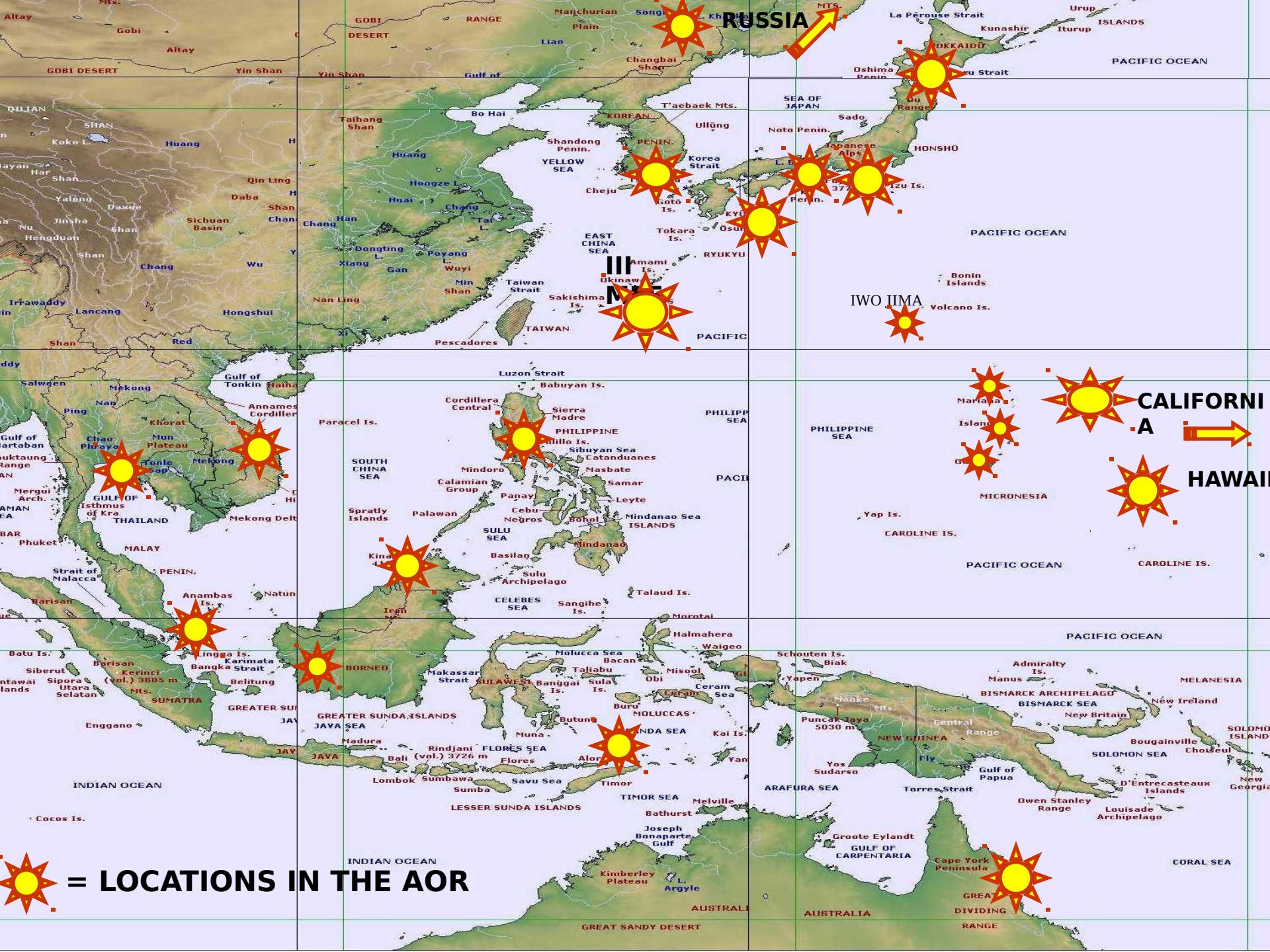


COMBINED
RECON
TRAINING
ROKMC

THAILAND
INCREMENTAL
TRAINING
PROGRAM



COMBINED
ENGINEER
EXERCISE
ROKMC



INDIAN OCEAN



SUMMARY

- **III MEF HAS A REQUIREMENT BY MARINE CORPS ORDER TO CONDUCT SUSTAINMENT TRAINING TO MAINTAIN COMBAT READINESS**
- **OVER 70% OF ALL THE EXERCISES AND TRAINING SCHEDULED ARE CONDUCTED OFF ISLAND THROUGH OUT THE PACOM AOR**